

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of posthumous high school diplomas to certain students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, but subject to Subsection (b), on request of the student's parent, a school district shall issue a high school diploma posthumously to each student who died while enrolled in the district ~~[at grade level 12, provided that the student was academically on track at the time of death to receive a diploma]~~ at the end of the school year in which the student was expected to graduate under the regular schedule of school attendance [in which the student died]. The high school diploma may not be issued before the graduation date of the class in which the student was enrolled at the time of death ~~[For purposes of this subsection, "school year" includes any summer session following the spring semester]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 28.0254(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with students who would have graduated at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 638 was passed by the House on March 27, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 638 was passed by the Senate on May 13, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor